

regional or multijurisdiction plans, to encourage true across the board interoperability.

Our Nation's public safety agencies' communications should not be at the mercy of Congress' funding whims. This issue is too important to require public safety agencies, year after year, to wonder what the annual funding might be. By dedicating funds from the sale of spectrum, we will ensure that funding will be set aside, no matter what happens in the annual appropriations process.

I look forward to working with my fellow members of the Energy and Commerce Committee, Chairman TAUZIN and Ranking Member DINGELL in moving this legislation so that we can help our Nation's public safety agencies perform their important missions.

MAYOR KAY ANN E. ADAIR

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of the citizens of Davison, MI, to recognize an outstanding leader in the community. On November 10, 2003, the council members of Davison will honor Mayor Kay Ann E. Adair for 18 years of dedicated service to the people of Davison.

Kay Ann E. Adair was born in my hometown of Flint, MI, on October 16, 1943. She graduated from Swartz Creek high school. Her political career began in 1985, when she became the first female to serve on the Davison City council. During that time she also became a member of the Davison Planning Commission, where she served until 1987, and then subsequently became an active member on the Senior Citizens Authority as chairwoman. In 1993, Kay Ann E. Adair made her mark in history, she became the first elected female mayor of Davison, she has maintained the post every since. During her tenure she has sustained membership on several boards, including the Genesee County Growth Alliance. In 1999 she had the honor of chairing the Small Cities and Villages gathering. Mayor Adair can also be credited with founding the Davison Beautification Committee. As mayor, she has become a beacon of hope for Davison. Her exceptional enthusiasm, strength and leadership skills have helped to make this city a better place. Mayor Adair is a tremendously respected individual. She is always willing to lend a helping hand or advice whenever needed. Her love for the community shows through her countless efforts. Upon retiring Mayor Adair will continue to work with the community, but as a spiritual leader. She is the Lay Pastor for the Mundy Church, located in Mundy Township.

Aside from being an outstanding leader and role model, Mayor Adair is also a devoted wife to her husband, Gary and a supportive mother to her daughter Sarah.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in congratulating Mayor Adair for service well done. Mayor Adair has been a positive influence on the city of Davison for the past 18 years. She has served her community with zeal and compassion. I wish her all the best as she begins this new phase of her life.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE EMANUEL OF GREAT NECK

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call the attention of the House to a wonderful event that will occur this Friday, October 24, in my district: the 50th anniversary and rededication of Temple Emanuel of Great Neck. This synagogue, since its founding, has been a vital force in my community, instilling hope, providing opportunities for prayer, education and fellowship, and acting as a vigorous agent of tzedaka, of righteousness, charity and social action.

Since 1969, this energetic congregation has been led by Dr. Robert Widom, an exemplary rabbi, a community icon, a wise, decent and kind man, and, I'm proud to say, my close friend and counselor. Under his leadership, Temple Emanuel has grown, thrived and fulfilled its mission of providing a home to a dynamic liberal Judaism that promises and delivers both continuity and change.

Mr. Speaker, this wonderful anniversary recalls the divine promise of redemption made by Isaiah who foresaw the restoration of the Beit HaMikdash, the holy temple in Jerusalem: "Behold I will set down gems as your flooring stones and lay your foundation with sapphires. I will set your window frames with ruby and make your gates of carbuncle stones and your entire boundary of precious stones. All your children will be students of the Lord, and your children's peace will be abundant."

This joyous 50th anniversary of Temple Emanuel will celebrate and amplify the echoes of the profound spirit of the Great Temple. This anniversary will rightfully celebrate the creation, half a century ago, of a place for Jews to join together to commune with God, to ask for atonement and to celebrate the holidays and mitzvot established in the Torah. For a generation, Temple Emanuel has been the place for hundreds of Jewish families to celebrate simchas, births, b'nei mitzvot, and weddings; the life events which connect individuals and families to our community and to their faith.

The structure of this synagogue is not mere mortar or brick; it is not wood, stone or steel. This house of prayer, this home for a community, is founded on centuries of faith and tradition, it is built up with love and dedication, and its roof is an abiding faith in the promise made to King Solomon so long ago. Even as this congregation has matured, this structure of spirit has not aged.

Those of us who know this congregation, who know the people who, for 50 years have made it hum with activity and life and spirit, we know it's not just a temple, it's not just a synagogue: It's a shul, a spiritual home, a place that reflects the highest aspirations of an ancient people living proud and free in this great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, in the Jewish tradition, when a book of study is completed, traditionally we celebrate the success by offering encouragement to immediately return to the work ahead. This anniversary, this celebration of 50 years of sustaining Jewish life in a profound and modern way, is a real and deeply satisfying achievement. But it is an anniversary which only promises greater things.

Mr. Speaker, the words we say are "Chazak! Chazak! v'nitchazayk!" Be strong! Be strong! And may you be strengthened! Mr. Speaker, I ask all of the Members of the House to stand and join me in offering Temple Emanuel a hearty yasher koach, and best wishes for the next 50 years.

HONORING LUIS A. FERRÉ

HON. ANÍBAL ACEVEDO-VILÁ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to your attention a great loss suffered by the people of Puerto Rico today. This morning the radios announced the passing of a great man, former Governor Luis A. Ferré. The people of Puerto Rico mourn this loss and celebrate his life. The former Governor embodied the finest Puerto Rico has to offer and he served Puerto Rico well. He was a true man of principles. With his death, Puerto Rico says good-bye to one of the latest Puerto Ricans of a generation that overcame great challenges to convert Puerto Rico to a prosperous, modern and developed island.

Ferré governed from 1968 to 1972, an era of great economic development for the island. He was a very popular leader. One of his great contributions to the modern Puerto Rico was the creation of the Environmental Quality board, the Departments of Natural Resources and Housing, and the Tourism Company. He also created the Youth Affairs Office. He was a true visionary.

As a politician, musician, successful businessman and philanthropist, he demonstrated the characteristics of a great Puerto Rican. Unfortunately, he has left the Earth today, but I know he has a privileged place in the hearts of all Puerto Ricans and in Heaven. My thoughts and prayers and those of my family are with his wife, Tiody Ferré and his family. May God carry you in the trying time.

CALIFORNIA MISSIONS PRESERVATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1446, a bill that would allocate badly needed funds to the restoration of California's missions. California's 21 missions are an integral part of California's historical landscape and their preservation for future generations is imperative. They serve as a window into the settlement of the American West and are key aspects of California's history, education, and tourism.

Drawing over 5.5 million tourists a year, the California Missions are the most visited historic attractions in the state. They account for a sizable contribution to the state economy from millions of tourists, including a large number of international visitors.

The missions also play an essential role in educating fourth-grade school children under the statewide history curricula. California missions serve an important educational function

in teaching young students about the role of the missions in the history of our nation.

Contrary to widespread belief, 19 of California's 21 missions are not funded by any governmental agency and instead rely on charitable donations to keep their doors open. They are in serious need of repair, restoration, and preservation for future generations.

Until recent efforts by the California Missions Foundation, little had been done to preserve the mission's structures and art. Because of this long-term neglect, many of the missions are now in dire need of structural attention and major rehabilitation.

The legislation would provide \$10 million for the restoration effort in a Department of the Interior grants program to be administered over five years. By authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to make matching grants to the California Missions Foundation, we are preserving the missions while keeping in mind the current state of the budget.

This act enjoys nearly unanimous, bipartisan support among California's congressional delegation. It will support the efforts of the California Missions Foundation to restore and repair the Spanish colonial and mission-era missions in the State of California. I urge all my colleagues to ensure that the missions remain intact, as unshakable symbols of our nation's early discovery.

IN RECOGNITION OF B.E. MCKINNEY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 32ND ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF GREATER EBENEZER MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, TALLADEGA, AL

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Pastor B.E. McKinney on the occasion of his 32nd anniversary as Pastor of Greater Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, in Talladega, Alabama.

Pastor McKinney has led Greater Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church since 1971 and has nurtured it into a caring, compassionate and charitable church home. Under his leadership, the church has produced many successful, mindful, God-fearing, community-oriented citizens. Pastor McKinney, through his generosity, leadership, guidance, mentoring and example has shaped the lives of a number of young people. For example, a church organization formed under his ministry, called the "Crusaders" has sponsored after-school activities, guidance, leadership and mentoring for young boys who come from socio-economically challenged, single-parent households.

Mr. Speaker, it is often said that the measure of a man's worth is the impact he has on others. In this measure, Pastor McKinney stands tall. I congratulate him and his devoted wife, Alma, for their faithful and dedicated service to their church and community.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF F/LT. JOSEPH P. ZANGARO, MICHIGAN STATE POLICE BRIDGMAN POST

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to F/Lt. Joseph P. Zangaro, who is approaching the end of a long and distinguished career in law enforcement. The Battle Creek native began his law enforcement career in 1976 with the Calhoun County Sheriff Department in Marshall, MI as a road patrol deputy. After a brief stint with the Battle Creek Township Police Department, Zangaro entered the 94th Michigan State Police Recruit School. He has served the residents of southwest Michigan with great distinction ever since.

F/Lt. Zangaro's contributions to our community over the last 27 years have been tremendous. From post to post, he consistently received accolades and recognition along the way including. Among the highlights of his storied career include being named Benton Harbor Exchange Club Trooper of the Year in 1985 and in 1994 Zangaro earned a "Professional Excellence" award for his part in an armed robbery investigation.

He has been successful keeping drugs away from our children and keeping drunk drivers off the road. Just this year he was on the ground, restoring the peace after the uprising in Benton Harbor.

From overseeing one of biggest undercover drug operations in SWET history dismantling the Rainbow Farms drug operation in Cass County or keeping drunk drivers off the streets, F/Lt. Joseph P. Zangaro contributions to our community have been many, and we are all better off from his service.

Our community is in debt to F/Lt. Joseph P. Zangaro for his 27 years in law enforcement, 25 of which were with the Michigan State Police. I wish him and his family all the best in retirement. He will truly be missed by the folks in southwest Michigan.

TRIBUTE TO FATHER JOHN LEONARD O'SHEA

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before this body of Congress and this Nation today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from Colorado. Father John Leonard O'Shea of Denver, Colorado recently passed away at the age of sixty-nine. John faithfully served his community throughout his life, first as a member of the Denver Police Department and later as a Catholic Priest. For his years of service and dedication, I am honored to pay tribute to the life and memory of Father O'Shea here today.

John joined the Denver Police Department in 1961 and served in many different positions including patrol, training, property crimes, and traffic investigations. While on the force, John developed a method to streamline the processing of drunk drivers. John retired as Dep-

uty Police Chief in 1987 and, after earning his Ph.D. in Psychology, began studying for the priesthood at Boston Seminary. John was ordained at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Denver in June of this year and was named the Senior Vicar at the Cathedral.

Mr. Speaker, Father John O'Shea loved to serve his fellow Coloradans, and people were drawn to him because of his positive outlook and quiet dedication. John touched many throughout his life, and the Denver community has benefited greatly from his involvement. As his family and community mourn his loss, I am honored to join with my colleagues today in paying tribute to the life and memory of Father John Leonard O'Shea.

IN MEMORY OF EDDIE JAMES GIBSON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened when I learned of the passing on October 12, of Eddie James Gibson, 57, of Edison, Georgia, one of the most highly committed, courageous and inspiring citizens I have ever known.

The son of sharecroppers, Mr. Gibson was horrifically injured at the age of 15 when the tractor he was operating overturned on the land farmed by his family. He spent years in hospitals, undergoing countless operations and receiving intense therapy. His life was saved, but he was left permanently paralyzed.

After he was finally able to return home to Calhoun County, he quickly demonstrated that he had no intention of giving up and sinking into despair. Even though severely handicapped, he decided to do something about the poverty and injustices that he saw around him. He became involved in the civil rights movement, organizing efforts to increase voter participation and bring down the racial barriers that then existed. Even though wheelchair bound, he never hesitated to put himself on the movement's front lines.

Later, he became president of the Calhoun County NAACP, a member of the Edison City Council, and a member of the Calhoun County School Board. He was active in voter registration, and was incredibly effective in motivating people to exercise their rights as citizens. Although a member of the Enon Missionary Baptist Church, he helped a number of churches in the area with their fund raising and enhancement programs. He was always involved in civic and charitable activities.

Many people came to him with problems. Armed with a telephone, he was effective in getting many of them resolved. We worked with him on many cases, and found it to be a highly productive relationship. I visited with him often, and was always uplifted by his good humor and positive outlook that he invariably reflected in spite of any pain and discomfort he may have been feeling.

With sharp intelligence and strength of character, he overcame all of the adversities of a hardscrabble upbringing, of the discrimination he encountered, of the lifelong injuries he sustained as a teenager—rising to become one of the most prominent citizens in Calhoun County's history as he worked tirelessly to raise the